



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Tilman HAUG, et al.  
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Docket No. : 225/50216  
Customer No. : 23911  
Title : Process for Producing a Surface Layer

**CLAIM FOR PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. §119**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The benefit of the filing date of prior foreign application No. 100 36 264.8, filed in Germany on July 26, 2000, is hereby requested and the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 is hereby claimed.

In support of this claim, filed herewith is a certified copy of the original foreign application.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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